Braidwood Parent Council Meeting



Monday 2nd June 2025

Attendees

Name	Position
Gwen Sinclair	Head Teacher
Claire MacKenzie	Chair of Parent Council
Lorna McFarlane	Secretary
Karen McGinty	Parent Council Member
Rachel Leckie	Parent Council Member
Sharon Frame	Parent Council Member
Kirsty Forrest	Parent Council Member
Susan McCafferty	Parent Council Member

Apologies

Name	Position
Heather Naismith	Principal Teacher
Christina Smith	Treasurer
Clare Spence	Parent Council Member
Lesley Gilmour	Parent Council Member
Angela Slaven	Parent Council Member
Stephanie Kerr	Parent Council Member
Kate Stuart	Parent Council Member
Nichola Casey	Parent Council Member
Laura Swindell	Parent Council Member
Siobhan Low	Parent Council Member
Morag Fleming	Parent Council Member
Jessica Shute	Parent Council Member
Stacey Rooney	Parent Council Member

1. Head Teacher Report

There is going to 6 classes again this year, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3/2, 2/1. The primary 1 teachers will be Mrs Devine and Mrs Baillie. There are 11 new primary ones starting (3 deferred to next year). Gwen is awaiting confirmation of staff for next year and will then determine who will be taking each class. The new primary 2 parents will be getting a letter tomorrow to let them know that the class will be split between the two classes although who will go in each has not yet been determined.

The newsletter will also be getting issued tomorrow, events to come are the house week and sports day.

Confirmation that the PEF funding will continue next year. The school gets around £10,000.

2. Finances

Current Account Balance: £1517

Cheque Issuance: We will ask Christina to issue a cheque for £1000 this week

We discussed the bank account and additional signatories. We will get an update from Christina of where she is in getting the additional signatories added. We are looking into other options for the account as some of the banks are starting to charge for business accounts. We are going to discuss and review at the first meeting in September.

3. Fundraising and Events

Gala Day: Preparations are underway for the gala school entry this year.

A number of changes have been made to the gala day event:

- The procession will start at the end of Belstane road, just outside High Mill primary and walk down past the doctors surgery, past Scotfresh and then takes a right at St Aths and then up the high street (they wont walk past Aldis this year). We are position 14, the pavement will be parked with the number.
- Floats should be in place by 10, children should be in pace for 1030 (10.45 latest). The procession starts at 11.
- Judging is done on the move, 5 judges will be dotted around the route.
- The procession will end at Clyde street, collection Jam works. The gala court will do another lap up the high street.
- The prize giving has been cut down and they will only be doing 14 prizes.
 They will announce the winners on the day but prizes will be given out after.

Brochures will be available for purchase from the school for £3.

4. AOB

PVG – The school can apply for the PVG for parent council members for free so If anyone wants to get this then they need to bring 3 copies of ID - 2 photos and a bill with your address.

Parent Council Conference – Claire gave an update on a few key topics of discussion from the conference:

- Health and Well being survey for P5 upwards expected November.
- Connect Supporting Parent Councils Website is connect.scot, Claire
 has created a login for us for this however anyone can have an account if
 they wish, contact Claire for details on how to do this. This support
 group gives general guidance, fund raising ideas, liability insurance for
 events etc

We have pencilled in the following dates in the diary for next year (and Gwen was securing the bookings):

- PC Meeting 8th September, 3rd November
- Halloween Wednesday 29th October

- Spring Fayre Wednesday 6th May
- Fundraising Events (proposed):
 - o Christmas Cards fundraiser August
 - o Halloween Disco October
 - o Race Night November
 - o Christmas Raffle December
 - Spring Fayre May

5. Next Meeting

• Date of next meeting is 8th September